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**ELINT OPERATING INSTRUCTION
FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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SECTION I - REFERENCES

1. National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 6 and related implementing directives.

2. Manual of U. S. SIGINT Operations (MUSO).

SECTION II - DEFINITIONS

1. Operational Control. Control with respect to the assignment, authorization or capability of accomplishing a task, function, or mission, including any modification thereof.

2. Technical Control. Control with respect to the techniques, methods and procedures to be used in the performance of an assigned task.

SECTION III - MISSION

The Central Intelligence Agency will accomplish Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) tasks assigned by the Director, National Security Agency, as authorized by the above references, and agreed by the Director of Central Intelligence in support of the National SIGINT effort.

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SECTION IV - CONTROLS

The Central Intelligence Agency performs its ELINT mission in response to operational and technical control exercised in this field by the Director, NSA, as agreed to and within the resources authorized by the DCI. Control instructions will be based upon standard procedures and doctrine promulgated by the Director, NSA.

SECTION V - COMMUNICATIONS

1. For the purpose of mutual technical support, a continuing and direct exchange of required technical information within the National SIGINT Effort will be effected through channels approved by CIA and NSA, subject to such restrictions as may be stipulated.

2. Direct communications between CIA ELINT activities and other elements of the National SIGINT Effort will be effected through communications channels approved by NSA and CIA.

3. By agreement between the DCI and the Director, NSA, communications may be directly addressed by NSA to CIA ELINT activities under the following circumstances:

a. When the time factor precludes the use of the normal control channels.

b. When the contact pertains solely to non-directive technical matters.

Such communications will always be transmitted via CIA Headquarters.

SECTION VI - ELINT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

The ELINT responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency will include, among others, the following:

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1. Providing, as agreed, ELINT facilities and resources in support of the National SIGINT Effort.
2. Procuring, organizing, training, equipping, administering, budgeting, and providing logistic support to its ELINT units.
3. Performing ELINT collection, processing, reporting, and distribution tasks in a manner specified by the Director, NSA, and as agreed by the DCI.
4. Advising and assisting the Director, NSA, in the exercise of his operational and technical control in this field.
5. Participating directly in the formulation and evaluation of appropriate ELINT plans and programs, and implementing such plans and programs.
6. Deploying appropriate CIA ELINT resources and facilities in accordance with approved plans and programs.
7. Informing the Director, NSA, of existing and projected CIA ELINT resources and facilities, of progress in executing both assigned and approved tasks, and of all major actions or factors affecting the ELINT mission of CIA.
8. Providing ELINT support to the national and local SIGINT efforts in accordance with instructions of the Director, NSA, and as agreed by the DCI and participating in joint or collocated ELINT operations.

SECTION VII- LIAISON

1. Liaison between NSA and CIA on ELINT matters will be conducted through contacts established by mutual agreement for specific ELINT matters.
2. ELINT liaison between NSA and CIA in the field will be conducted through the Chief of the appropriate NSA Field Activity or the appropriate

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Senior U. S. Liaison Officer (SUSLO), and the CIA Chief of Station after CIA approval of such liaison.

**SECTION VIII - ASSIGNMENT OF ELINT
TASKS AND PROVISION OF GUIDANCE**

1. ELINT tasks assigned or authorized by the Director, NSA, will be listed as Appendices to this Operating Instruction.
2. Operating instructions of general scope will be issued by NSA, when required, as Appendices to this Operating Instruction.
3. Evaluations of CIA collected ELINT will be furnished by NSA as agreed.

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